

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which letters patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A COLORANT
TO A THERMOPLASTIC TO PRODUCE
A VISUAL EFFECT**

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which

- () is attached hereto.
- (X) was filed on May 26, 1999, as Application Serial No. 09/320,056, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/975,020 filed November 20, 1997.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information known by me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. §1.56(a).

- () In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement. 37 CFR 1.97.
- (X) In compliance with this duty, information which may be material is disclosed in the specification of the subject application.

**CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT
APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject

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matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

U.S. Application(s) (or PCT applications designating U.S.)

U.S. Serial No. Date Status (Issued (patent no., date),
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RELATED FOREIGN APPLICATIONS

Related foreign applications, if any, filed in the name of the inventor(s) of the inventor(s) assigns more than twelve months before the filing of the subject application are as follows:

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CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF FOREIGN PRIORITY UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

() No such applications have been filed.

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**DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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